

## **Important Announcement Regarding the National Service Criminal History Check**

CNCS has approved an Alternative Search Procedure (ASP) to continue its current policy on accompaniment beyond January 1, 2013. This ASP applies to all programs and projects with individuals in covered positions with recurring access to vulnerable populations. This means that for individuals in covered positions for whom a National Service Criminal History Check requires both state and FBI components ([2540.203\(b\)](#)), the program or project may elect to cease accompaniment of the individual when it has received results from either the state component or the FBI component and does not need to receive results from both components before electing to cease accompaniment. This temporary extension of CNCS's current policy will continue until further notice. Please note, an individual may not serve or work in a covered position prior to completing the nationwide NSOPW search component ([2540.204, .206](#)).

This limited ASP does not relieve programs of any other National Service Criminal History Check obligations or requirements.

**Please review our [resource page](#) for additional information on the National Service Criminal History Check.**